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IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO:

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Dear Father José Maria,

I wish you a very happy and holy Easter season. I received my two baptismal records and my two birth certificates in good order. I thank you very much for being so punctual. Now I have the privilege of being under Medicare as a senior citizen of the United States. Exactly today it is forty years since I left Panama for the United States and I arrived the 24th of this month in San Diego and the 25th in Compton. How quickly they have gone. I wish I could go through them all over again.

The purpose of this letter is to be on the lookout to go to the Sondica Airport (Bilbao's Airport) when you receive a telegram from a young man whose name is Lenn Pacaro. He is half Hawaiian mixed with other Oriental races and a bit of Portuguese. He is short in stature and very dark. He knows very little Spanish but you can get along with him in English. He wants to know about our Congregation. Explain all to him, showing him our seminaries and the college in Pamplona. He wants to join our Congregation. And after you meet him I want to know your opinion, dear Brother. I'm glad he is taking this trip because I am not sure of him, how he would like Spain and would adjust to our life. He works for the Airlines and has a very good position. Tell him to be free to ask you any questions about our Congregation. Show him the poverty of our seminaries as they are. And see whether he will be willing to go through them before he is ordained. He is very fond of me and he says he is willing to do anything that I tell him. Present him to the different superiors there, to Father Provincial and the others there, particularly those who know English like Father Villanueva. Go as much as possible out of your way to help him while he is in Cantabria and then give him directions on how to travel through Spain and through other countries in Europe, as he wants to go to France and Rome.

Everything is fine here. I am in much better health than when you saw me in Spain. I am back at work. My heart is in good shape. The doctors don't give me anything for it, just the medicine of a strict diet to lose weight, so that the heart doesn't need to work with extra weight. The prospective foundation in Fatima goes very well. I may get a house there from a rich man. I don't want to go to any more particulars now. But tell Father Thomas de Manzarraga and Father Dominic Jaurrieta to be ready and to ask the Father Provincial that they are willing to come for this foundation that is going to be very important for the Basilica at Fatima. I found my way to win over the Bishop of Leiria through a great friend of his so that our community be, besides Claretian, also attached to the Blue Army of Fatima and be its very soul and working in close association with the Bishop of Leiria, Ordinary of Fatima. Father de Manzarraga must be the teacher of the Gregorian Chant for our students and form the Masa Coral or Orfeon of the Sanctuary, adding the double choir of the children, "Jacin~~tas~~asy Franciscos", vested in the attire that these two children wore in their days, over fifty years ago. We need the sanctity of Father Jaurrieta to form our youth well. I already have twelve Americans ready to start at the beginning of September and to have their solemn opening on the 13th of October. I cannot be more explicit now because all depends on Father General, whom I'm going to see in person this coming month. This house in Fatima I wish to be depending directly from Father General, who will work with the Bishop of Leiria in regard to the personnel, their ministry and their poss~~essions~~ions. Pray, if it is God's Will, that Father General may say yes. When things be completely settled, it will have Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament day and night. My idea is that once this is well settled we take this to another place that needs a great deal of money before it be in proper condition to shelter our Claretian Community that will move therein to continue the good work begun in Fatima. I have full hope that also this second part is going to take place. Because it is for the greater honor and love of the Blessed Mother and of the Most Blessed Sacrament, through the intercession of our great Patriarch Saint Anthony Mary Claret. The approval of the Sisters is still pending. On the 25th of March I concelebrated Mass at the altar of St. Vibiana's Cathedral for the ordination of the two new Bishops. I was the only religious in that crowded sanctuary. I am most thankful to God for restoring my good standing to me in Los Angeles, on this solemn occasion, attended by all the priests of the Diocese and about fifty Bishops. The Bishop of Guam approached me and told me to encourage our Father General to send to his diocese, whose capital is Agaña, one, two, or three priests and that he will pay for their trip. He said the older people speak Spanish. The younger ones speak English and the lower people speak Chamoro. I wish our Father Provincial from Cantabria gets in touch with him. I am sending you a photo-static copy of the letter he sent to me and you can translate it to Father Provincial. It used to be in the Spanish colony of Las Islas Marianas. Las Islas Marianas are about 12 or 13

very small islands. Guam is very small, and all are very Catholic. There is a large American base there since World War II. It is almost like having a house in the United States. The Bishop is so good and has as a motto "Caritas Christi urget nos". Father Provincial can write to him in Spanish, because he speaks Spanish as well as any of us. Possibly Cantabria has taken some mission in Bolivia, but this one would take only two or three to start and he will give them a parish. The climate is a little warm but the scenery there is most beautiful and tropical. This archipelago was discovered by our Spanish explorers and dedicated to the Blessed Mother, calling them "Las Islas Marianas". If Father Provincial accepts this for the Province, he will find no problems in these islands. And also, we will have missions in South America (Bolivia) and missions in the Orient (that of Guam). And it will be very uplifting for the Province in promoting a missionary spirit. Those who would like to learn English for the missions and those who wish to go to South America, their Spanish will be enough. Besides, this mission could eventually act as a stepping stone to the other islands of the Archipelago of the Marianas. Take all your interest in this to Father Provincial. Enclosed is the photo-static copy of the letter from this good Bishop, whom I would like to answer favorably.

I am sending you with this letter three sets of Gregorian Masses, each set with a stipend of US\$60.00. Enclosed please find a check for \$180.00 for three sets of Gregorian Masses. Also there is a check for \$329.00 for 329 Masses (one dollar each Mass). \$50.00 is for Father Zabaleta for the needs of his class in Euzkera. Extend my best regards to everyone in the family.

In Corde Matris,

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